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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Allen W. Dulles

1. I sent you a copy of Robert Spivak's column from the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE of Sunday, 10 December 1961, in which he asks why Castro is at this time announcing he is a Marxist-Leninist and will be until he dies and in which Spivak states that CIA presumably did not properly evaluate the information it had on Cuba. He refers to the invasion and to Charles J. V. Murphy's story in FORTUNE.
2. I think the answer to all this is that Castro was a liar then, and is a liar now, and will be a liar until he dies.
3. In briefings that WH did with Novins and others, Crenshaw usually used the saying that while there was no hard evidence that Castro was a Communist, when he looks like a duck and squawks like a duck, he very likely is a duck.

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